LOW WOULD STOP FIREBUC SCARE "COO-COO EYES" OVERCROWDING.

Meets Committee from Merchants' Association and Tells Them He Will Bring Matter to **Notice of Corporation Counsel**

"NO SEAT OR NO FARE" CRY. MANY LIVES IMPERILLED. ODD DOINGS IN PITTSBURG.

Governor May Be Called Upon to Take a Hand in the Matter In the Near Future.

Mayor Low met the Committee on Franchises and Transportation of the clock this morning, and after thorough- years ago has returned. During the prely going over the questions presented by neglect of the surface and elevated called early each morning to extinguish roads to provide proper transportation three and four fires in the cellars of facilities for the public he expressed himself heartily in accord with the committee in its efforts to compel the roads to improve the present conditions.

Mayor to Take a Hand. would write to the presidents of the

The members of the committee who

Albany the Last Resort.

"Gov. Odell is heartly with us." he replied, "but we shall not go to Albany except as a last resort. Right here is the place for the work to be done. And the Mayor is willing to go further even than we proposed. He wants the motormen to be protected by vestibules."

Asked just what the committee wishes to accomplish, Mr. King said: "In the first place, we do not want trip service. We want the same service from 6 o'clock in the morning to 12 o'clock at night that is necessary to give all the people who ride seats. We are in this fight now to a finish, and there will be no compromise. We want the bookstands, the siot machines, weighing machines, the siot machines, weighing machines, with the side of the regular fire-escapes, and others will be not compromise. We want the bookstands, the moved nearer to her, with easy grace, and, giving Belasco a hard look, began paying her compliments. He said her beauty was just his style. Her beauty was just his style. Her beauty was just his style. Her breath came in short pants. Belasco the violations of the visite side of the stage of the stage of the visite side of the stage of the visite side of the stage of the visite side of the stage of the stage of the stage of the visite side of t

will be heard.

Protesting tax payers of Brooklyn, who assert that traffic conditions in Brooklyn are intolerable, have made application to the commissioners seeking the abrogation of the company's charter.

Power and Transportation.

ment was made to-day that control of the United Power and Transportation Company has been sold to the Interstate Railway Company, at \$75 a snare, payable in forty year collateral trust gold coupon bonds, to be issued by the Interstate Railway Company. The bonds will be dated Feb. 1. 1903, and will bear interest at the rate of 3 per cent. for the first year, 31-2 for the second and 4 for the third year and thereafter.

The Interstate Railway Company was incorporated recently in New Jersey and street railways in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Mexicology and cutting himself so badly that he beled to death before he could be extricted from the tangled mass of cassengers, glass, splintered wood and other wreakage.

The car line was blocked for nearly an hour while the dead horse was being dug and hauled from the smashed car.

The animal was attached to a wagon belonging to H. Waller, of No. 306 Stanton street, and was driven by Jacob Schalter, who left it standing in front of No. 147 West Thirty-eighth street while he delivered an order, and the animal ran away.

Making a bee-line down Thirty-eight the Biddles saws and files to death before he could be extricted from the tangled mass of cassengers, glass, splintered wood and other were kengers.

The next act showed the Biddle brothers in the Pittsburg prison.

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incorporated recently in New Jersey with a capital of \$19,00,000 for the purpose of operating electric companies and street railways in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware. The United Power and Transportation is also a New Jersey corporation, chartered in 1899, Its authorized capital was \$12,500,000, of which \$3,125,000, par \$25, full paid, is outstanding.

O No. 147 West Thirty-eighth street while he delivered an order, and the animal ran away.

Making a bee-line down Thirty-eighth street defy the universe!"

She brought the Biddles saws and files treet, he stopped for nothing, taking a wheel of a hansom that did not get out of the way quick enough, and scattering pedestrians in all directions.

At Sixth avenue a car crowded with

SHIPPING NEWS.



ARRIVED.

OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS. SAILED TO-DAY.

Lembardia, Naples. Caribbee, Barbados, City of Washington, Arapahoe, Charlesto Colon. Hamilton, Nortolk, E. Ris, Galveston.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS. DUE TO-DAY.

O-DAY, Seriphos, Ham. Horatio, Para, Etona, Shields, Para, CV

IN BIDDLE PLAY. ON WEST SIDE.

Eleven Incendiary Blazes, All in

Basements of Tenements, in

Early Morning Cause Wide-

One Fire To-Day, and Many Per-

sons Fled from Crowded Build-

Because of the numerous fires of a

vious scare the Fire Department was

street to-day, injuring several passen-

ings by Fire-Escapes.

tenements.

spread Alarm.

Outlaws Wonderful "Lamps," with Wicks Turned Up, Are Chief Factors in Plot of New Melodrama.

Trip Service Demanded, and the Actress is Rescued, Unconscious, at Stage Happenings Are Not Convincing, but the Biddle Eyes Are Rea! and They Hypnotize the Women On En' Off the Stage.

A voting contest at the Grand Operasimilar nature on the west side the po-House last night would doubtless have Merchants' Association at his office at 11 lice fear that the pyromaniac of a few determined that "the eyes have it" in "A Desperate Chance."

After seeing the eyes which an orb actor named Orlin Kyle makes as Ed Biddle, it is easy to understand how the irresistible outlaw influenced the Pitts-Alarms for five fires close to each burg prison warden's wife to aid him other were turned in last Saturday and his brother in their attempt at

escape When the Ed Biddle of the Theodore day morning and three this morning. All of them were for fires in the cellars He assured the committee that he of densely populated tenement-houses. of his "lamps" women all over the The first fire this morning was found

The members of the committee who salied upon the Mayor were William F. School and the Mayor were William F. School and the building awakening the sleeping feet. Policeman Rogers ran through the building awakening the sleeping feet. Policeman Rogers ran through feet. Policeman Rogers ran through street. Policeman Rogers ran through street. Policeman Rogers ran through feet. Policeman Rogers ran through street. Policeman Rogers ran through feet. Policeman Rogers ran through street. Policeman Rogers ran through feet and the building awakening the sleeping feet. Policeman Rogers ran through feet and the building awakening the sleeping feet. Policeman Rogers ran through feet and the building awakening the sleeping feet. Policeman Rogers ran through feet and the suddent and a street. Policeman Rogers ran through feet and the first shock in a grocery store. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed by Lottle Palmer, an actress. For a minute or so black-eyed and this plecified. For the first shock in a grocery store. For a minute or so black-eyed and the first shock in a grocery store. For a minute or so black-eyed and the first shock in a grocery store. For a minute or so black-eyed and the specified and the store that she was partly suffocated and had almost hear the glass carek. Then, the suffer developed the first shock in a groce As for the women in the play, they ment-house at No. 572 West Fortleth street. Policeman Rogers ran through fell under the fatal spell of those double-

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MILLIONS IN TRACTION DEAL

A runaway horse attached to a butcher's wagon plunged shalf through the side of a Sixth avenue electric car filled with women shoppers at Thirty-eighth and.

Thierstate Railway Gets United with women shoppers at Thirty-eighth (with women shoppers at Thirty-eighth) (w

At Sixth avenue a car crowded with and the printing press their number so near being killed that Christmas shoppers, most of them and varieties have become legion. Mil-scious beside the tracks. women, was crossing Thirty-eighth sions upon millions of them are printed street on the downtown track. The annually, and most of them for free it off him. street on the downtown track. The annually, and most of them for free it on him.

The men were on their way to Philadistribution. Each year they are made more attractive and published in greater delphia and stepped from a passenger numbers. The calendar, an innovation of recent years, was popular for a time, their way to Philadistribution. Each year they are made in greater delphia and stepped from a passenger of recent years, was popular for a time, their way to Philadistribution. Each year they are made in greater delphia and stepped from a passenger of recent years, was popular for a time, their way to Philadistribution. The men were on their way to Philadistribution. Each year they are made in greater delphia and stepped from a passenger of recent years, was popular for a time, the men were on their way to Philadistribution. The men were on their way to Philadistribution.

way for it, but crashed head on into the side of it, side of it, but crashed head on into the side of it, and manner unaccountable by those of recent years, was popular for a time, but it could not supplant that old friend of carlier days—the almanactive manner of a large train which had stopped here just as nother care along in an opposite direction.

If is head and forefeet were in the car and the wagon was pled in a heap of the care and the wagon was pled in a heap on the pinitarily for advertise and the blood, with every heart beat, spurted over the popular for the popular for advertise of the popular for advertis

WONDERFUL EYE WORK OF BIG BIDDLE BROTHER.



Act 1. Scene 1.—The Warden, his wife and child, after attending niscence. Edouard de Reszke was the house had to hang on to their seats the opera, wander into a grocery to buy a can of peas. It is here they only one of Mr. Grau's old price-raising now in charge of Acting Captain Shire. to chase fast locomotives on his bicycle. transportation companies and would in the basement of a Chinese laundry take the matter up with the Corporation on the first floor of the five-story tene-Warden's wie, and she is his'n. "Oh, those eyes," she gasps. "He at- up to his old traditions. Sembrich, dar- tion house absolutely spotless. He said ways had a hankering for petticonts," says "Jack."

of the regular fire-escapes, and others were taken down by the airsenen. From the clevated stations. The public and they do not belong to the railway companies, in the sense that ratey can be used for any other than realiway purposes.

Solved the Problem.

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Regarding the solving of the problems of traffic congestion at Broadway and Thier the congestion at Broadway and Thier than the congestion at Broadway and lem Opera-House,-David Higgins and ESTABLISHED ATTRACTIONS. schemes to impose upon the public their difficulties would very soon disappear.

For example, they tell us that the conception at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street cannot be helped, they cannot devise any scheme to do away with the crossings at that corner could be avoided by smiding the Broadway cars up Sixth avenue at Thirty-fourth street and by switching the Sixth avenue cars into Broadway. This is only an example of the case with which many of the difficulties could be avoided by smiding the Broadway. A resolution introduced by Alderman McInness was passed to day by the Board of Alderman, granting the State Railroad Commission the use of the Aldermanic Triday, Dec. 30, when the Aldermanic Triday, Dec. 30, when the Railroad Commission the use of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company will be heard.

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As soon as the lights were out and the violinists in the orchestra began plucking stealthy music off their strings.

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A sleepwalking Specialty.

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"She will betray us!" he whispered, Bells of Haslemere," was revived at presented at the Columbia.

HADAFRIED The Biddle boys and the War-

IM SO HUNGERY

den's wife escape to a schoolhouse. The woman grows hungry. fluency. "Oh how I wish I had a fried egg,"

put on with scenic effects at the Harlem propriate to Christmas was "The Holly Tree Inn;" "Alone in New York" was put on with scenic effects at the Harlem house; "Woman Against Woman" was the play at the Fifty-eighth street house; Valerie Bergere led the vaude-ville bill at the Newark.house.—J. Aldrich, Libby and Katherine Trayer soured hits with operate selections at Hurtig & Seamon's.—Santa Claus in wax appeared at the Eden Musee.—Wallace, the "man-eating lion," chewed up the honors at Huber's.

Clarity and sweetness of tone, was the crowning memory of the night. Semble to man."

The Deputy Comm'scioner said that he wouli see that pereafter the rounds-line; and sergeants of the different presents as the play at the street house; the warmed into her work before the close and gave the brilliant finale with all her old fire, sounding the concluding top E fiat with splendid volume and clarity.

Gadski a Revelation.

ESTABLISHED ATTRACTIONS.

New weeks were entered upon by William Faversham in "Imprudence," Empire; Julia Marlowe in "The Cavaliter," Criterion; Mary Mannering in "The Stubborness of Geraldine," Garrick; Eleanor Robson in "Audrey," Madison Square; N. C. Goodwin and Maxine Elliott in "The Altar of Friendship," Knickerbocker; Mrs. Fiske in "Mary of Magdaia," Manhattan, "Twirly-Whirly" and "The Stickiness of Gelatine," Weber & Fields's; James K. Hackett in "The Crisis," Wallack's; Mabelle Gliman in "The Mocking Bird," Bijou; Viola Allen in "The Eternal City," Victoria; "The Ninety and Nine," Academy of Music, "The Silver Slipper," Broadway; "Fad and Folly," Mrs. Osborn's, Playhouse; "A Country Girl," Daly's; "The Darling of the Gods," Belasco's Theatre; "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," New York; Richard Mansfield in "Julius Caesar," Herald Square; Aubrey Boucl-cault in "Hedelberg," Princess; "A Chinese Honeymoon." Casino.

Gadski a Revelation.

Mme. Gadski was a revelation as Valentina to those who persist in think-ing of her only as a Wagnerian sopprano. As a matter of fact she sings only the lighter Wagnerian roles, while her repertoire covers the entire field of French and Italian romantic opera. Mme. Nordica, who alone can contend with her in roles demanding emotional intensity, will have to look sharply to her laurels. This season if Manager Grau gives the blonde Teuton her deserved opportunities. Last night she was in superb voice, and in her acting revealed a temperamental capacity for attaining the highest emotional expression.

In the "grand dust" of the final scene her every note rang with tragic intensity, The high C's were vibrant, rich with freshness of youth and gloriously full and true.

Alvarez was equally satisfying as Raoul—one of the most difficult roles in the tenor repertoire. For one happy night let it be recorded he sang consistentiy on the key and with unwonted fluency. He began well, singsing the bigh standard throughout the evening. It was a fact of the final scene here every note range

IN BROOKLYN THEATRES William Gillette in "Shenlock Holmes" began a week's engagement at the Mor

tauk, Shakespeare's "As You Like It" was

DECORATES TENT

Fell Unconscious as Car Tore Off His Coat.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Dec. 23.—Augus-perial troops have been totally defeated tus Mulcahy, of Henry street, Brooklyn.

Pennsylvania Railroad here. Frank Syron, who lives on Hall street, sent to attempt the capture of Taza, the Borough

OTHER ESCAPED. WITH HUMAN HEADS Brooklynite Killed and Friend Pretender to Morocco's Throne Mayor Low Favors Franchise

Decapitates Captured Troops After Winning Bloody Victory.

TANGIER, Morocco, Dec. 23 .- The imwas killed near the South Elizabeth throne. The latter decapitated forty of station by a passenger train on the the Sultan's soldiers. Their heads are now ornamenting his tent. Imperial reinforcements have been

ince the advent of the movable types Brooklyn, was with Mulcahy and came headquarters of the pretender. Incensed so near being killed that he fell uncon- by the successes of the rebels, the Sul-The train caught his coat and ripped one at Taza in spite of the advice of the for their tunnel under the North and the off him.

She Shines Supreme in an All- When Big Police Captain Roared Star Cast, Singing "Les Hu-"Attention!" Every Patrolman guenots" at the Metropolitan on Post and the Doorman in

MANY CHANGES ARE NOTED. SLEUTHING THE SLEUTHS.

Production Is Satisfying, Although Deputy Was Inspecting Station-Memories of Other Days Intrude -Stage Management 1: Excellent, but Chorus Fail- to Do Justice.

Opera-House.

NEW LAURELS.

The exploitation of an all-star cast, with increased admission prices, formerly incident to the annual production of "Les Huguenots" is only a memory now at the Metropolitan Opera-House, where everything is now run on an all-star basis. Produced without flourish of managerial trumpets, Meyerbeer's much maligned paraphrase of a tragic historic incident is still a potent operatic. The chief reason Gadski was the Valentina instead of posts like veteran soldiers. Wreath. The romantic Jean gave way first street station. All he could say of

Journet and Scotti.

unscathed through the fires of compari- this precinct. son. All in all, it was a more than satisfactory cast, lacking in some elements former greatness; revealing new strength in other quarters.

The production was spirited and well The "Rataplan" was unusually ragged, and the earlier stages of the "Benediction of the Poignards" moved without the furnace.

cluding burst of vocal pyrotechnics given slepes of the Pal'sades. If the Police the Fifth Avenue; at the Twenty-third with perfect vocal art and surpassing Department ever needs a barker Mike put on with scenic effects at the Harlem clarity and sweetness of tone, was the Smith is the man."

Gadski a Revelation.

sistently on the key and with unwonted fluency. He began well, singing the romanza "Vision Fugative" in admirable lyric style and he maintained the high standard throughout the evening.

Mme-Fritzi Scheff was a smart Urbano, a delight to the eye in her page's costume, but her voice sounded thin after the heavy contraitos we are accustomed to in the role and her singing of the "Nobile Signori" was almost flippant.

JERSEY TUNNEL GRANT SIGNED.

Granted When Pennsylvania Got Rights from Aldermen.

Mayor Low to-day signed the franchise granted last week by the Board els, headed by the pretender to the of Aldermen to the New York and New Jersey Tunnel Company to construco a tunnel under the North River between Jersey City and Christopher and Hudson streets in Manhattan

This is the franchise that was passed at the same time the franchise was awarded to the Pennsylvania Railroad the Board of Aldermen without scarcely murmur of disapproval.

It has been claimed and denied that

MIKE SMITH.

the Cellar Trembled Visibly.

Houses and Found One New One Inexcusably Filthy, but Says That Will Be Remedied.

Deputy Commissioner Alexander Ross Piper made a tour of inspection of the iptown east side stations last night and. hough his coming was a surprise at all the precincts he visited, he said this morning that he had only one com- to-day. plaint to make-the trifling one of finding a patrolman conversing with a citi-The chief reason for the Deputy Com-

attraction. Last night's audience at- missioner's tour was to find out whether tested that. The great front line de- or not the station houses were kept ing and ambitious, supplanted Melba, also that the men were patrolling their

to the tempestuous Alvarez, forced for that station house this morning was once into a mood and manner entirely that it was in fair condition. At the East Sixty-seventh street station Capt. Piper said he found things in a de-Journet had the polish, but not the plorable condition. He said that the force of Plancon as San Bris. Fritzi station house was absolutely dirty, and Scheff, a pert Urbano, was only a vocal as this is one of the new station houses echo of Scalchi and Mantelli. Scotti, the Deputy. Commissioner says that always admirable, was an aristocratic Di there is no excuse and that conditions extension ladder was hoisted from a Nevers in voice and bearing and shared will have to be remedied immediately. with Gadski the distinction of coming Capt, Stephen Brown is in command of

street station he was staggered by hear- stepped lightly on the top round of the ing big Capt. Mike Smith roar "Atten- ladder and descended with Mrs. Kelly tion!" Capt. Piper said that Capt. staged. The chorus alone transgressed. Smith's voice reached every patrolman Murphy was cheered by the crowd. in the precinct on post and even the doorman who was in the cellar tending

In Melba's day her singing of "The Capt. Piper. "until the last echo of that Fair Land of Touraine," with its con-wonderful voice riffled away along the

brich did not achieve a like result.

Her voice was intractable at the outset. The top notes did not come with fluency or absolute fidelity to pitch, but she warmed into her work before the

PIPER HEARS "MILE A MINUTE" **RESCUES WOMAN**

> Policeman Murphy, Once Speedy Cyclist, Carries Her, Weighing 200 Pounds, Down Ladder from Burning House.

> HE SCORNED OTHER AND.

Signalled for Extension Ladder and Was Loudly Cheered by Crowd as He Bore Unconscious Burden to the Ground.

"Mile-a-Minute" Murphy, the Brook vn policeman and former blcycle rider, from the third floor of a burning building at No. 1059 Fulton street, Brooklyn.

The fire started in Edward Hall's furniture store at that number and was so threatening that two alarms were urned in for it. By the time the fire fighting aparatus arrived the fire had spread to John Miller's storage wareouse, at No. 1069 Fulton street.

Policeman Charles Murphy, who used was on that beat, and after tuning in he alarm he ran through the upper floors to make sure that all the a nants were out.

On the third floor he found Mrs. Patrick H. Keliy, who had gone back into the burning building to secure her fire insurance policy. After getting the policy she had been overcome by the smoke and Murphy found her prostrate on the hall floor.

Carrying her to a window, from e smashed the pane of glass, he called to the crowds below for a ladder. An Murphy and assist Mrs. Kelly, a two nundred pounder, down. But the laurels As the Deputy Commissioner entered were all for Murphy. Waving the fire-the East One Hunared and Fourth man back the intrepid policeman as though she were light as a feather. The damage to the two buildings was estimated at \$3,500.

"The mon continued saluting," said NOTED PRINTER IS KILLED. Albert E. Sarde Was Chief of

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WORLD.

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